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1. DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY POL COUNS ON THE CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION BERNER, LATTER REVEALED THAT IN ADDITION TO 200 TROOPS SWEDEN ALREADY PLANNING TO SEND TO CYPRUS (REFTEL), A FURTHER 200 WOULD BE SENT IN NEAR FUTURE, RAISING TOTAL SIZE OF SWEDISH UNFICYP UNIT TO 615. BERNER SAID THE ADDITIONAL TROOPS WERE BEING SENT IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL FROM UNSY RECEIVED JULY 25.

2. ACCORDING TO BERNER, AIRLIFT OF INITIAL 200 TROOPS TO CYPRUS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THIS WEEKEND, AND GOS
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EXPECTS SECOND AND FINAL CONTINGENT TO ARRIVE ON ISLAND

ABOUT MID-AUGUST. BERNER SAID HE ANTICIPATED NO DIFFICULTIES
IN AIRLIFTING TWO GROUPS IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL
TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN DEPARTURES FOR CYPRUS.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, BERNER CONFIRMED THAT ALL OF
FIRST GROUP OF 200 WILL BE COMPOSED OF MEN EXPERIENCED
IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, AND SAID IT HIGHLY PROBABLY
THAT SECOND GROUP WILL ALSO BE PEACEKEEPING VETERANS.
THIS WAS POSSIBLE, HE ADDED, IN VIEW OF LARGE POOL OF
EXPERIENCED TROOPS AVAILABLE TO GOS BECAUSE OF ITS LONG
HISTORY OF PARTICIPATION IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
THROUGHOUT WORLD.
STRAUSZ-HUPE

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